

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for March 2007

Released May 2007



The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

March 2007 Labor Force Estimates
(not seasonally adjusted)

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Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages

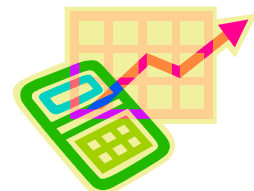
	03/07	02/07	03/06
U.S.	4.5	4.9	4.8
INDIANA	5.0	5.3	5.3
FORT WAYNE MSA	5.0	5.2	5.1
EGR 3	5.4	5.6	5.5
COUNTY:			
Adams	4.9	4.9	4.7
Allen	5.1	5.2	5.1
DeKalb	6.2	6.3	6.2
Grant	6.6	7.0	7.2
Huntington	5.2	5.6	5.1
LaGrange	4.9	5.3	4.9
Noble	5.7	6.1	6.1
Steuben	7.1	7.5	6.9
Wabash	5.1	5.4	5.9
Wells	5.0	5.0	4.4
Whitley	4.8	5.2	5.1
CITY:			
Angola	5.6	5.9	6.0
Auburn	6.3	6.1	6.2
Bluffton	5.5	5.1	4.5
Columbia City	5.1	5.6	6.1
Decatur	6.6	6.5	6.1
Fort Wayne	5.4	5.5	5.5
Huntington	5.8	6.2	5.8
Indianapolis(Cons)	4.7	4.8	5.1
Kendallville	5.9	6.7	6.5
Marion	7.4	7.7	8.4
Wabash City	6.4	6.5	6.8
OTHER MSA'S			
Indianapolis	4.3	4.5	4.6
Gary	5.6	5.9	6.3
Evansville	4.9	5.3	4.8

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – March 2007	COUNTY
1	Crawford(8.8%)
3	Steuben
11	Grant
13	DeKalb
29	Noble
43	Huntington
45	Allen
47	Wabash
53	Wells
54	Adams
55	Lagrange
65	Whitley
92	Hamilton (3.2%)

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT March 2007 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.5%
Kentucky	5.8 %
Michigan	7.2%
Ohio	5.5%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally unchanged or lower in March. Overall, 30 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered increases, and 8 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 9 states, and unchanged in 5 states.

The Northeast and South registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions, 4.1 percent each. The Midwest again reported the highest rate, 4.7 percent. All four regions posted significantly lower unemployment rates in March than a year earlier. Montana recorded the lowest unemployment rate in March 2007, 2.0 percent. The states with the next lowest rates were Utah at 2.4 percent, Hawaii at 2.5 percent, and Nebraska and Wyoming at 2.6 percent each. Mississippi and Michigan again reported the highest unemployment rates, 6.9 and 6.5 percent, respectively.

The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.

FORT WAYNE MSA



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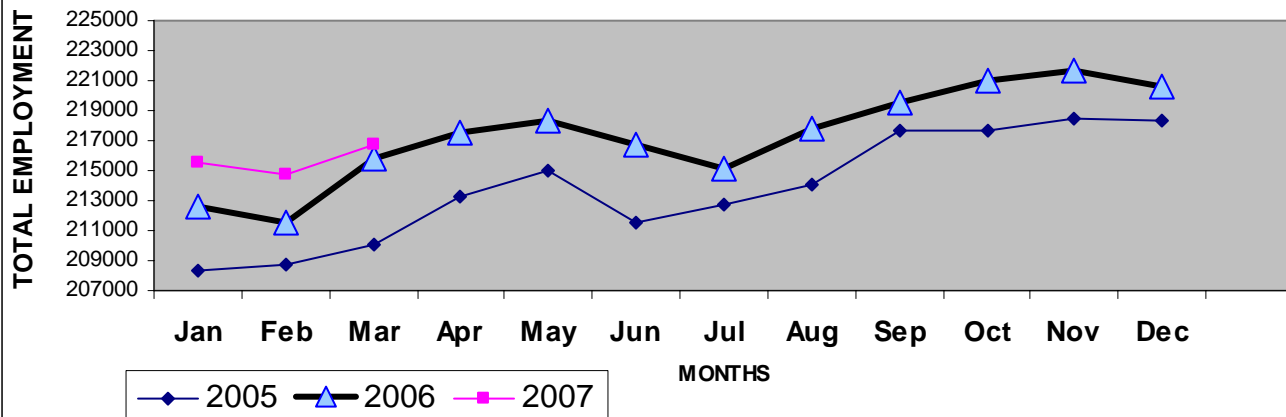
	Fort Wayne MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	MARCH	FEBRUARY	MARCH	FEB. 2007	TO	MAR. 2006	TO
	2007	2007	2006	MAR. 2007		MAR. 2007	
Total Nonfarm	216,700	214,800	215,800	+1,900	+0.9%	+900	+0.4%
Total Private	194,600	192,900	193,300	+1,700	+0.9%	+1,300	+0.7%
Goods Producing	48,500	48,000	48,600	+500	+1.0%	-100	-0.2%
Service-Providing	168,200	166,800	167,200	+1,400	+0.8%	+1,000	+0.6%
Private Srvc Provide	146,100	144,900	144,700	+1,200	+0.8%	+1,400	+1.0%
Mining & Construction	10,700	10,300	10,400	+400	+3.9%	+300	+2.9%
Manufacturing	37,800	37,700	38,200	+100	+0.3%	-400	-1.0%
Durable Goods	28,800	28,700	29,100	+100	+0.3%	-300	-1.0%
Computer and Electronic	4,600	4,600	4,500	+0	+0.0%	+100	+2.2%
Transportation Equipment	6,200	6,200	6,400	+0	+0.0%	-200	-3.1%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	47,000	46,900	46,200	+100	+0.2%	+800	+1.7%
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,100	12,800	+0	+0.0%	+300	+2.3%
Retail Trade	23,000	22,800	22,600	+200	+0.9%	+400	+1.8%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,900	11,000	10,800	-100	-0.9%	+100	+0.9%
Information	3,600	3,600	3,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	12,000	12,000	12,100	+0	+0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Professional and Business	21,200	20,800	20,700	+400	+1.9%	+500	+2.4%
Educational and Health	35,400	35,300	35,000	+100	+0.3%	+400	+1.1%
Leisure and Hospitalit	18,900	18,300	19,000	+600	+3.3%	-100	-0.5%
Food Services and Drinking	16,400	15,800	16,300	+600	+3.8%	+100	+0.6%
Other Services	8,000	8,000	8,100	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.2%
Government	22,100	21,900	22,500	+200	+0.9%	-400	-1.8%
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,400	+0	+0.0%	-100	-4.2%
State Government	3,500	3,500	3,600	+0	+0.0%	-100	-2.8%
Local Government	16,300	16,100	16,500	+200	+1.2%	-200	-1.2%
Local Govt Education	9,700	9,500	9,900	+200	+2.1%	-200	-2.0%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

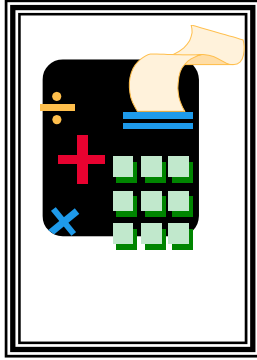
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MARCH	FEB	MARCH	MARCH	FEB	MARCH	MARCH	FEB	MARCH
	2007	2007	2006	2007	2007	2006	2007	2007	2006
Manufacturing	\$709.40	\$703.64	\$747.36	40.7	40.3	42.2	\$17.43	\$17.46	\$17.71
Retail Trade	\$339.23	\$329.06	\$311.54	30.1	30.3	28.9	\$11.27	\$10.86	\$10.78

FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

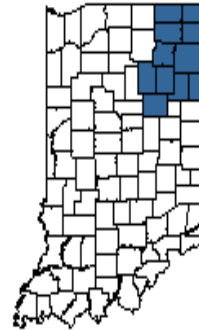


LOCAL OFFICE	March 2007	March 2006	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	9,891	7,984	23.9%
Auburn	14,457	12,311	17.4%
Connersville	1,812	2,930	-38.2%
Fort Wayne	19,986	18,484	8.1%
Marion	8,323	6,029	38.0%
Muncie	11,387	11,809	-3.6%
Richmond	4,143	3,891	6.5%
INDIANA	310,135	292,533	6.0%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics

APPLICANT POOL

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date May 6, 2007



Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWIs) 3rd Quarter 2005 Economic Growth Region 3 and Indiana

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	6,402
Production Laborers	5,293
All Other Machine Operators	3,630
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	3,355
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,650
All Other Hand Workers	2,394
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,936
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	1,801
General Office Clerks	1,788
Cashiers, General	1,708
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,519
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,421
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,358
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,317
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,306
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,283
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,272
Production Helpers	1,266
Machine Assemblers	1,264
Other Hand Material Mover	1,237

QWI	EGR 3 (Q3)	INDIANA (Q3)
Total Employment	344,442	2,840,413
Net Job Flows	366	-391
Job Creation	19,061	164,972
New Hires	58,267	537,008
Separations	67,449	641,773
Turnover	10.40%	10.6%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$2,923	\$3,111
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$2,016	\$1,894

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.



TOP 20 FREQUENTLY LISTED JOBS

Economic Growth Region 3

MARCH 2007

Customer Self Service System (CS3)

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	MEDIUM WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$15,600	\$37,544	\$100,000
Production Laborers	\$14,820	\$23,504	\$30,430
Tire Building Machine Operators	\$27,040	\$27,040	\$27,040
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$15,600	\$28,080	\$100,000
Assemblers (Factory Work)	\$15,184	\$20,800	\$30,430
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	\$16,640	\$18,886	\$29,224
All Other Machine Operators	\$16,640	\$21,840	\$25,459
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	\$12,090	\$15,860	\$18,720
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	\$16,640	\$16,640	\$31,138
Merchandise Displayers	\$9,360	\$13,000	\$16,640
All Other Motor Vehicle Operators	\$12,480	\$12,480	\$12,480
Machinists	\$20,800	\$33,280	\$39,520
Other Inspectors & Testers	\$16,640	\$16,640	\$16,640
Welders, Production	\$20,800	\$29,120	\$35,360
Production Helpers	\$15,600	\$25,459	\$29,349
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	\$15,080	\$16,640	\$24,960
Electrical & Electronic Equipment Assembly	\$7,800	\$16,640	\$16,640
Other Hand Material Movers	\$10,920	\$20,800	\$20,800
Sales Agents - Insurance	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$100,000
Extruding & Drawing Mach Setters & Set-Up	\$16,640	\$16,640	\$16,640



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Consumer Price Index



1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1	0.7	1.0									

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2	2.0	2.3									

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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